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Chm. G. Comm. V. R. M. of Pa.



# Veterans' Rights Union

OF PENNSYLVANIA.



J. C. AITKEN,

President.



"The object of this Union is, under the auspices of the G. A. R., to secure to those who served under the Government of the United States during the late war, the rights and privileges guaranteed to them by Sections 1754 and 1755 of the Revised Statutes of the United States," as also Section 3. Chapter 287 Laws 641878

"Sec. 1754—Persons honorably discharged from the Military or Naval Service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty, SHALL be preferred for appointments to civil offices, provided they are found to possess the business capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of such offices."

SEC. 3, Chapter 287, Laws of 1876, is in part, as follows. "Provided, that in making any reduction of force in any of the Executive Departments, the head of such Department SHALL retain those persons who may be equally qualified who have been honorably discharged from the Military or Naval Service of the United States, and the widows and orphans of deceased Soldiers and Sailors."



Philadelphia, Dec 3 rd

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[Letter One:]

415 Locust St. Phila. December 3, 1885

To the President,

Sir,

The newspapers of this City, on November 25, 1885, published certain resolutions of "The Hancock Veteran's Association", a copy of which was forwarded you, in which they allege that our Veteran's Rights Union is activated by political motives in asking that the soldiers and sailors discharged from the U.S. Mint be replaced in their positions.

This we deny, and we further deny that these places have been so filled. I enclose you, Sir, a copy of letter sent by us to the Hancock Veterans and desire further to state that on Friday last 27th ult. I addressed a letter to Mr. Fox. Supt. of the U.S. Mint, asking for the names of the men who replaced those who were discharged and whose names were sent you on Oct. 29th 1885, but have received no reply from him.

We believe these resolutions were dictated by some person, to throw discredit upon us and motives. If it is shown that the new appointees in these places are ex-soldiers or sailors we have done, but our information is to the contrary, and we are satisfied that an effort is being made to embarrass you in your promised action upon our memorial.

I am, Sir, Very respectfully yours, Wm. Green Chm. Ex. Comm. V.R.U. of Pa.

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[Letter Two:]

[Abstract:] In matter of soldiers & sailors discharged from the Mint.

Veterans' Rights Union of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, December 3, 1885

Geo. W. Palmer Esq. Col. Comd'g. Hancock Veterans

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### [Letter Three:]

[Abstract:] Relative to Soldiers and Sailors discharged from Mint. Also, Letter from the Hancock Veteran Association on the Subject.

### Sheriffs Office

Geo. De B. Keim, Sheriff.

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[Letter Four:]

Head Quarters Hancock Veterans U.S. Cor. Of 7 & Carpenter Street Philadelphia

At the stated meeting of the Association held on the Eve of Nov. 1st, 1885, Comrade Chas. E. Tipton presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas the Veteran Rights Union of Philada. having partitioned his Excellency Grover Cleveland President of the United States to reinstate fourteen discharged veterans to their original places in the U.S. Mint.

Resolved that we the Hancock Veterans of Philada. composed of Honorably discharged Soldiers & Sailors of the late war, do earnestly request the President to disregard the same.

As the Hon. Danl. M. Fox Supt. of the Mint has given the places to worthy Ex Union Soldiers whose war record is beyond question.

And the only complaint the so-called Veteran right Unions is able to make it that the said soldiers have voted the Democratic ticket.

Resolved that a copy of the aboved be forwarded to his excellency Grover C. Cleveland President of the U.S. with the prayer that no action be taken in the matter.

And that a copy sent to Hon. Danl. M. Fox Supt. U.S. Mint.

Chas. V. Dempsey Adjutant

Geo. W. Palmer Colonel Commanding

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[Letter Five:]

Sheriffs Office Geo. De B. Keim, Sheriff. Philadelphia, November 27, 1885

Hon. D.M. Fox, Supt. U.S. Mint

Dear Sir,

My attention has been called to an assertion made by "The Hancock Veterans Assc." Of this City, that the places of the soldiers who have been discharged from the Mint, had been filled by worthy ex-soldiers. No means of verifying this statement is given by the published announcement, I enclose you herewith the names of the men, in whose behalf the Comm. Of Vet. Rights Union called upon and ask, if it is in your power, that you give us the names of the men who now fill their places. We are not attempting to displace ex-soldiers and want to know it, when we do. Hoping this will not be troubling you too much, I remain Sir,

Very respy. yrs. Wm. Grew Hon. Ex. Comm.